Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Wednesday 13 Oct 2021 until 23:59 on Thursday 14 Oct 2021

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 13 Oct 2021 at 03:25 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for poor visibility to affect most ranges through Wednesday and Thursday and also for a change to colder conditions from later Thursday. Some uncertainty in cloud amounts through the weekend.

Headline for Wednesday 13 Oct 2021: Poor visibility across the hills with rain never far away. Best shelter across the east.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 13 Oct 2021

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Low Likelihood	**Poor visibility** High Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Drizzle	Fog	Mist	Mist	Fog	Drizzle
Precipitation probability					
50%	40%	30%	30%	30%	50%

Forecast for Wednesday 13 Oct 2021

Weather: Strong westerly winds will maintain extensive low cloud across all ranges through morning leading to a dull start to the day. Some improvement is likely into the afternoon away from the west coast as cloud lifts and occasionally breaks, but unreliably so. Showers or patchy rain likely never far away throughout.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: No chance through morning, improving to 40% away from the west coast by afternoon.

Visibility: Widely limited to less than a kilometre by cloud and rain above 400-600m. Occasionally dull or hazy at lower levels too. Some improvement expected by afternoon.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	24/29 W	23/29 W	23/31 W	25/34 W	25/34 SW	28/39 SW	28/39 SW
900	19/24 W	18/24 W	19/27 W	21/29 W	19/28 W	23/33 SW	23/34 SW
600	20/25 SW	20/25 SW	19/27 SW	21/30 SW	22/30 SW	25/35 SW	23/34 SW
300	11/15 W	10/14 W	11/18 W	12/20 W	12/20 SW	12/21 SW	12/23 SW
Glen	8/17 W	6/14 SW	9/18 W	10/20 W	9/19 SW	10/21 SW	10/24 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
1300	6/1	5/-1	4/-1	3/-3	3/-3	3/-3	4/-2
900	8/4	7/3	7/3	6/1	6/1	6/1	6/1
600	10/6	9/5	9/5	8/4	8/4	8/3	8/4
300	11/9	11/9	11/9	11/8	10/8	10/7	10/8
Glen	13/11	13/12	14/12	13/11	12/10	12/10	12/10
Freezing Level*	2500m	2600m	2100m	2100m	2100m	1900m	1900m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Strong winds and rain will lead to significant wind chill. Note that winds will increase to near gale force through evening.

Forecast for Thursday 14 Oct 2021

Weather: A wet and very windy day is expected as an active weather front sinks southwards bringing some occasionally heavy rain for all areas but Argyll and Lochaber will take the brunt of this. Colder conditions will set in through evening with a few lingering showers, these wintry above munro level.

Maximum wind: West 50-60mph, veering northwest 30-40mph through afternoon.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 20%, improving 80% through late evening.

Visibility: Cloud will be extensive above 500-700m for much of the day, perhaps lower along the west coast, making navigation difficult. Heavy rain will turn western glens hazy. Visibility down to a few hundred metres in cloud, rain and snow showers.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 13 Celsius falling to plus 8 through evening.
At 800m: Plus 6 Celsius falling to around freezing through evening.
Freezing level: Well above summits, falling 1000m through evening.

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